

# EMERGENCY BANK BILL BEING WHIPPED INTO SHAPE TO-DAY

## FORMER MAYOR WALKER SUED FOR DIVORCE

### MRS. WALKER HAS ALLEGED DESERTION

Janet Allen Walker Has Brought the Suit in Miami, Fla., Claiming She Has Been Resident of Florida for Two Years—Betty Compton Mentioned in Complaint

Miami, Fla., March 9.—(UP)—Janet Allen Walker, wife of New York's most spectacular former Mayor James J. Walker, has filed suit for divorce charging wilful desertion.

The complaint stated that Mrs. Walker had been a resident of Florida for two years and that Walker's permanent address was New York, but that he is now temporarily a resident in Cannes, France, and that the Walkers were married April 11, 1912, at St. Joseph's church, New York.

The ex-mayor, since his dramatic resignation from the New York mayoralty while under the fire of Franklin D. Roosevelt's trial for official misconduct, has been enjoying life along the Riviera, in southern France. His wife's action was started in the Dade county circuit court.

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### THE SHANAHAN RETIREMENT BILL FAVORED

It Permits Lieut Col Wm J. Shanahan to Become Eligible for Pension Because of Long Service

By WILLIAM J. MORIARTY (Democrat Staff Man)

State Capitol, Hartford, Conn., March 9.—(Special to The Democrat)—The house to-day received and tabled for the calendar a favorable report from the cities and boroughs committee on a bill making Lieutenant Colonel William J. Shanahan, a member of the controller's staff of the city of Waterbury, eligible for retirement pension under the city's ordinance. The ordinance rules that after 20 years continuous service an employee is eligible to retire on pension.

Lieutenant Colonel Shanahan has served his 20 years in the city employ, but they were not continuous. During the World War he was overseas with the A. E. F. and as a result his continuous service record was disrupted. Exemption in a bill presented to the legislature. It is believed that both houses will pass the bill.

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### TOTAL MONEY IN CIRCULATION IN FEBRUARY

Almost One Million Dollars More Than the Report Presented for Preceding Month

Washington, March 9.—(UP)—The treasury today reported that money in circulation on February 28 totaled \$6,545,617,139 compared with \$6,644,618,924 a month earlier.

Gold coin and bullion on Feb. 28 amounted to \$4,379,288,999, while gold certificates totaled \$1,250,946,298.

An influx of money totaled \$10,275,185,454. Of this total \$3,876,332,580 were federal reserve notes. Money in circulation Feb. 28, 1932, amounted to \$5,603,542,630 on a per capita circulation of \$44.98 compared with \$52.23 on Feb. 28 last.

The tremendous increase in money in circulation—representing \$1,000,000,000 more than the report presented for the preceding month—was due to banking holidays in various states. A large amount of the increase in circulation was attributed to hoarding and the need for cash as a result of abnormal banking conditions.

### MERCHANTS WILL GET SOME AID

Manufacturers and Bankers Conferred To-day and Adopted Plan That Will Help Business Men

Manufacturers and bankers conferred to-day on plans intended to relieve the merchants of Waterbury a "break" during the remainder of the banking holiday. To relieve the embarrassment resulting from business men accepting factory and City of Waterbury's "Denominational Checks", not scrip, arrangements were made this morning to permit merchants to exchange large checks for small checks, a plan which is supplementary to the cash for cash system in vogue since early this week.

A merchant with ten or twenty dollar checks or even of five dollar denominations issued by the Scovill Manufacturing company, American Brass company or Chase

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### GOVERNOR CROSS NAMES LEWIS REED ON NEW BOARD

DIGEST OF THE BANK MEASURE OF PRESIDENT

United Press Secured Advance Information as to Just What Congress Will Consider

Washington, March 9.—(UP)—An authoritative digest of the emergency bank legislation to be proposed today by President Roosevelt was outlined to the United Press as follows:

1.—Validation of the emergency decrees issued so far by President Roosevelt and the treasury.

2.—Re-enactment of section 5 of the trading with the enemy act including all necessary authority to prevent hoarding and authorizing control over gold reserves in the United States.

3.—Grant of authority for such control over all banks as may be necessary for the protection of both depositors and creditors and providing for prompt reorganization of non-liquid banks on a sound foundation of permanent liquidity.

4.—(A) Amend the federal reserve act to permit direct loans to corporations and to individuals on collateral of United States obligations.

(B) Extension of broad powers to the federal reserve banks to loan to member banks on sound

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### DRY FORCES ARE CLEANING OUT OLD LEADERS

Bishop Cannon, Dr Clarence True Wilson, Ella A. Boole and F. Scott McBride Are Dropped

Washington, March 9.—(UP)—Organized dries to-day turned to new leaders and new strategy in their battle to defeat ratification of the prohibition repeal amendment. Nearly 1,000 representatives of prohibition organizations meeting here decided to entrust their leadership to a committee of nine, none of whom shall be drawn from present officers of temperance bodies.

This pushed into the background Bishop James Cannon, Dr. Clarence True Wilson, Ella A. Boole, F. Scott McBride, Deets Pickett and others around whom prohibition forces have rallied for years. The present leaders will remain active, however, as members of a committee of 100 which will assist the smaller group.

Announcement of the names of the nine was expected within a day or two. Confident that they can block repeal in at least 13 states and thus retain the 18th amendment, the delegates outlined plans for a general offensive which will reach into every community.

### Admiral's Wife To Christen The Macon



America soon will have a new giant of the air. A great ship, the new navy dirigible, the Macon is christened at Akron, O., she will make her first flight. Mrs. William A. Moffett, left below, wife of the naval aeronautical chief, will christen the sister-ship of the Akron. Commander A. H. Dreese, center, will be the skipper. Miss Leila Jones, right, is one of several Macon, Ga., debutantes who will be attendants to Mrs. Moffett at the ceremony. The great ship is shown in her Akron hangar as scaffolding is removed.

### NEW CONGRESS PROCEEDS ON BANK PLANS

Most Important Session Ever Held in History—Will Act on the Message of President

By LYLE C. WILSON (United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, March 9.—(UP)—The new congress met in extraordinary session at noon to-day to create millions of dollars in new currency and enable the nation's banks to re-open.

The currency issue plan is the beginning of President Roosevelt's counter-attack on depression. Days and nights of conferences produced an emergency currency bill designed to permit wholly solvent

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### ROCKEFELLER GOES OUT FOR MORGAN GROUP

Greatest Financial Battle of Big Interests—Rockefeller Proposes Most Drastic Plan

New York, March 9.—(UP)—The Rockefeller interests were lined up against the Morgans and other powerful financial groups to-day in seeking a way out of the bank crisis.

Winthrop W. Aldrich, chairman of the Chase National Bank, largest in the world, proposed last night a drastic bank reform program which in effect would break the power of the overlords of finance. Aldrich, brother-in-law of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and former attorney for major Rockefeller interests, is regarded as a spokesman for the

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### Final News Flashes

MARRIAGES ARE VERY SCARCE

Cleveland, O., March 9.—(UP)—Suspense in financial circles over pending congressional action in the banking situation has had its effect upon prospective brides and bridegrooms. Records showed today that only one request for marriage license was made yesterday compared with the usual number of 25 or 30.

### HOCKEY PLAYER WAS BOUGHT

New York, March 9.—(UP)—The outright purchase of Jean Pusie, star of the Vancouver Maroons of the Western Hockey league, was announced today by the New York Rangers. Pusie will report next October. Pusie leads his league in scoring, with 51 points.

### DEMOCRAT WAS SEATED

Washington, March 9.—(UP)—The house today voted to seat John G. Utterback dem., of the third Maine district, whose right to a seat in the 73rd congress was challenged by Republican Floor Leader Snell.

### SENATE ADJOURNS TO 4:30

Washington, March 9.—(UP)—The senate adjourned at 2:20 p. m. until 4:30 p. m., expecting by that time to receive a favorable banking and currency committee report on the banking bill.

## Drastic Measure To Comply With Demand By The President

### PRESIDENT ASKS BLANKET CONTROL OF ALL BANKS

By FREDERICK A. STORM (United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, March 9.—(UP)—President Roosevelt to-day asked the new democratic congress for blanket power to protect the nation's bank depositors and for action to provide additional adequately secured currency to meet the present crisis.

In his first message to the extraordinary session of congress, the president called for immediate action to permit reopening of sound banks, reorganization of others and an amendment to the federal reserve act to provide needed

Senate and House Leaders Are Speeding Onward Just as Was Done in War Times—Capital is Scene of Fast Moving and Dramatic Events

By RAYMOND CLAPPER (United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, March 9.—(UP)—President Roosevelt swung the full strength of his administration to-day into a campaign to solve the national bank crisis as the first phase of his battle against depression.

In a crisp, hard-hitting message to an extraordinary session of the new democratic congress, he asked for wide, almost dictatorial powers to open sound banks immediately, permit others to resume business as rapidly as they can be reorganized and to immediately expand sound government money.

While his message was being read to congress, a drastic emergency banking bill was whipped into shape with the aid of congressional leaders, bank experts and financial leaders for immediate presentation and action by congress.

Senate and House leaders exerted pressure to speed the measure through. It would legalize the president's program. Facing a crisis which has united the nation as in wartime, the capital was a scene of fast-moving and dramatic developments ranging from the White House to the historic chambers at the other end of Pennsylvania avenue. New congressmen—representing the overwhelming majority of the administration—were crowded into the hustling and tense House, overflowed the regular majority benches and sat in cane chairs in the aisles.

In the House gallery sat Mrs. Roosevelt who continues to topple precedents in the midst of the crisis in which her husband's administration was plunged. The

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### EMERGENCY BILL WAS DELAYED UNTIL LATE TO-DAY

Washington, March 9.—(UP)—The new democratic congress met today in extraordinary session and quickly started toward enactment of the Roosevelt bill for currency expansion to permit banks to begin reopening tomorrow.

The senate acted first. The emergency bill was introduced by Chairman Fletcher of the senate banking and currency committee and immediately the committee was summoned to meet to consider the legislation.

The senate recessed pending a report from the committee at 4:30 p. m.

## War Time Expansion Of Federal Reserve Bank Notes Coming

### ASSASSIN OF MAYOR CERMAK IS ON TRIAL

Zangara Pleaded Guilty But Judge Decided That Evidence Must Be Given in Case

Miami, Fla., March 9.—(UP)—Giuseppe Zangara pleaded guilty today to a charge of murder in connection with the assassination of Mayor Anton J. Cermak of Chicago, who was shot here Feb. 15 in an attempt on the life of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The 36-year-old bricklayer was led into court by deputies shortly before Judge Ely O. Thompson appeared on the bench at 10:06 a. m. with a broad grin he nodded and bowed to lawyers, newspapermen and spectators.

The charge of murder in connection with the death of Mayor Cermak after a stubborn 19-day trial.

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### WIDOW OF FIRE CAPTAIN WILL BE QUESTIONED

He Died of Poison—District Attorney to Talk With Her—Grand Jury to Hear 15 Witnesses

Peabody, Mass., March 9.—(UP)—Mrs. Jessie B. Costello, widow of Fire Captain William J. Costello, was to be questioned today by District Attorney Hugh A. Clegg in connection with her husband's mysterious death by cyanide poisoning.

Several other witnesses in the case, including the victim's 79-year-old father, also were to be questioned.

Clegg announced last night that a special session of the grand jury would be convened at Salem Monday to hear testimony of more than 15 persons who already have told their stories to police.

### WENT TO RESCUE AND WAS HURT

Bristol, Conn., March 8.—(UP)—Louis Hickory gave no thought to his own safety last summer when he saw a car stalled on the railroad tracks, but today he is suing the woman he rescued, Mrs. Edward T. Woodford, for \$10,000. Two other women in the car were injured fatally in the crash.

It Will Thaw Out Frozen Banking Structure—This Is Provided in the Emergency Bill of Roosevelt for Quick Re-opening of Banks

By RICHARD L. GRIDLEY (United Press Financial Correspondent)

Washington, March 9.—(UP)—A resort to war-time expansion of federal reserve bank notes to thaw out the frozen banking structure was provided to-day in the Roosevelt administration's bill for immediate re-opening of the banks of the country on a normal basis.

Instead of various proposed unlimited scrip and clearing house certificate plans, the government will permit a limited expansion of the nation's currency to provide the necessary "life-blood" of money for legitimate business operations.

While not secured by gold, the additional issue of federal reserve bank notes will be secured by such sound assets as United States government bonds, notes of corporations, partnerships and individuals. Sound banks will be able to begin paying depositors immediately by taking their sound resources to the Federal Reserve Banks.

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### TREASURY BALANCE

Washington, March 9.—(UP)—The treasury net balance for March 7 was \$137,767,880.34.

